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### **UCSD STUDENT IN CUSTODY FOR FAKE I.D. FACTORY**

San Diego -- A joint undercover investigation involving the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, San Diego Police Department, and the SDSU and UCSD Police Departments has closed a fake ID factory operated by a University of California San Diego student.

Taken into custody today (Tuesday, June 11, 2002) was 21-year-old David James Klein, believed to be the key person involved in the manufacture of hundreds of fake California driver licenses, and his roommate, 21-year-old Gilbert Lazcano. They were picked up at the pair's apartment at 3465 Lebon Drive in San Diego.

Investigators from all five agencies served search warrants in the arrest and confiscated evidence, including a computer, printer, scanner, a state seal hologram, and other devices believed used in making the fake IDs, as well as \$8,800 in cash.

The undercover operation began in May of 2002, when a DMV investigator obtained a counterfeit driver's license which had certain flaws that showed it to be fake. Working with the University Police Department, more fake IDs were uncovered which led investigators to suspect Klein as the mastermind behind the operation.

Two undercover ABC investigators were able to obtain fake IDs which were manufactured by Klein, resulting in today's action.

It is believed Klein has been manufacturing the counterfeit IDs for some time. Law enforcement officers recently confiscated fake IDs at Lake Shasta from college students during Mother's Day weekend which had the same flaws in IDs produced in San Diego.

Klein reportedly sold the fake IDs for \$125 a piece. Lazcano is believed to have aided Klein in the process of manufacturing the counterfeits.

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